

**Council Meeting, July 8, 2021**  
Minutes of a meeting of the council  
of the Town of Kippens, held at the  
Town Office & on Facebook, July 8, 2021, at 6:31PM

<b>Members Present</b>	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	Debbie Brake-Patten Leon Benoit Tim Alexander Wayne Howlett Heather Shears Shawn Boyd Josie Noseworthy
<b>Also Present:</b>	Acting Town Clerk	

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Indigenous People of all the land that we are on today. While we meet today on a virtual platform, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the land which we each call home. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improve our own understanding of local Indigenous people and their cultures. From Coast to Coast to Coast we acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Metis and First Nations people that called this land home. Please join me in a moment of reflection to acknowledge the harm and mistakes of the past and to consider how we are and can each in our own way, try to move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

**Motion #91/21:** Motion by Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to appoint Josie Noseworthy as Acting Town Clerk for this Council Meeting.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears.

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion #92/21:** Motion by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Howlett, be it hereby resolved to adopt the June 10, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears.

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion #93/21:** Motion by Councillor Howlett seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to adopt the July 8, 2021, Council Meeting Agenda.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0  
**Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

**Motion #94/21:** Motion by Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to appoint Josie Noseworthy as Alternate Returning Officer for election 2021.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears.

**Opposed:** 0  
**Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

### **Financial**

**Motion#95/21:** Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Boyd, be it hereby resolved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$74,615.22.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0  
**Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

**Motion #96/21:** Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to accept the 2020 Financial Audit.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears.

**Opposed:** 0  
**Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

### **New Business**

Councillor Alexander had some discussion on wheelchair accessible swings. Council agreed and asked Councillor Alexander to get pricing.

**Motion#97/21:** Motion by Councillor Howlett, seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to except the quote \$6500 to grade the grubbing site.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd, W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0  
**Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

## **Permits**

**Motion #98/21:** Motion by Deputy Mayor L. Benoit, seconded by Councillor Alexander, be it hereby resolved to approve permit to build a shed at 6 Island Pond Drive, being in full compliance.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion#99/21:** Motion by Deputy Mayor L. Benoit, seconded by Councillor Boyd, be it hereby resolved to approve permit to operate a sawmill at 13 Birch Drive, being in full compliance.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion #100/21:** Motion by Deputy Mayor L. Benoit, seconded by Councillor Shears be it hereby resolved to approve permit to build a fence at 1 Aspen Ave., being in full compliance.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

## **Additional Business**

### **Town Plan**

After some discussion regarding the Town Plan, Council agreed to continue with regular meetings with Andrew Smith to complete the Town Plan.

### **Town Manager**

After some discussion regarding the Town Manager position, the mayor stated there will not be a town manager until after the election in September.

### **2012 Feasibility Study**

Mayor stated that all of council should have a copy of and familiarize themselves with the 2012 feasibility Abydoz Engineered wetland study.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Public Works/Planning & Development**

Deputy Mayor L. Benoit reported the town sign is now up and running and the Town Clerk Debbie Cornier has been trained on how to operate the sign.

Deputy Mayor also stated that a outside worker and an office clerk is required as soon as Possible.

**Councillor Boyd declared himself in conflict and left the chambers.**

Deputy Mayor Leon Benoit reported on the progress of the Sand and Salt Shed and stated he was impressed with the work that has been done. He stated that a pre-construction meeting was held, and the Acting Town Clerk was the representative for staff and himself as a contact person for the engineers he also stated it is not necessary to have other people contacting the engineers, rather if there are any questions or concerns to go through himself or staff to have it presented to the engineers.

Deputy Mayor Benoit commented on the work at the dog park and wanted to recognize a resident who volunteered, Michael LaValle, as well as several other council members.

The Mayor also thanked Dave White for cleaning graffiti off the playground equipment.

Councillor Howlett talked about the grubbing site and that it is still available to resident of Kippens, he suggested the Grubbing Area be cleaned up on an annual basis going forward.

**Councillor Boyd returned to the chambers.**

**Recreation**

Councillor Shares report that the Canada Day celebrations were cancelled by the Mayor to show respect for the indigenous children. She also committed on the importance of volunteers and thanked all volunteers that worked on the Canada day celebrations that did not take place.

Councillor Shears also reported the flag polls need replacing.

Councillor Alexander stated the backstops for the baseball field are near completion.

**Fire Department**

Councillor Alexander stated that the Fire Department meetings are going ahead, and the department is ready if called upon.

**Finance**

Councillor Howlett reported on the dog park and thanked Counselor Boyd for rolling out the pea stone.

Councillor Alexander also thanked Councillor Boyd for the work on the parking lots next to the ballfield.

Councillor Howlett thanked Darron Roberts' chartered accountant company for the work on the Audit.

**Mayor's Report**

The Mayor thanked the volunteers for the work they put into organizing the Canada Day event but felt canceling the event was the right thing to do.

**Motion #101/21:** Motion by Councillor Alexander seconded by Councillor Shears, be it hereby resolved to adjourn the Council Meeting.

**In favour:** Mayor D. Brake-Patten, Deputy Mayor L. Benoit and Councillors T. Alexander, S. Boyd W. Howlett and H. Shears

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstaining:** 0

**Motion Carried**

Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021.

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Josie Noseworthy, Acting Town Clerk

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Debbie Brake-Patten, Mayor